

Colorado Waterfowl Stamp Program Educational Brochure

Beginning in 1990, Colorado law required all waterfowl hunters 16 years and older to have a valid state waterfowl stamp and a hunting license on their possession. The same law authorized generated funds from the sale of the stamps to be used for the sole benefit of waterfowl-wetlands habitat. In the same year, the Waterfowl Stamp Program was created to develop ideas and procedures for accomplishing wetlands conservation.

The “Colorado Waterfowl Stamp Program 1990-2001” is a wetland education brochure and report that focuses on all of the waterfowl-wetlands conservation projects that have been completed. The project was partially funded by OEMC, in partnership with the Division of Wildlife Program (DOW) and Ducks Unlimited (DU) Incorporated.

OEMC and the Wetlands Task Force, which were involved in the creation of the stamp project, place importance on wetlands conservation because of the many economic and environmental benefits provided. The wetlands perform many functions pertinent to wildlife habitat, water storage, and flood control. Also, wetlands help cleanse polluted waters flowing through them. OEMC is an advocate of wetlands’ ability to save energy in water treatment, because water treatment plants require a costly amount of energy to do what wetlands can do naturally. It is of high interest to OEMC to preserve wetlands, which in turn saves in energy costs.

The contributions of the Waterfowl Stamp Program are highlighted in the brochure, which is widely distributed by all branches of Ducks Unlimited. The Waterfowl Stamps are widely popular with wetlands enthusiasts as well as non-hunters, thus adding to the diversity of the project.

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